

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated. A complete set of the claims is included below, reflecting added subject matter (*underlining*) and deleted subject matter (*strikethrough*), as well as the current status of each claim. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-27. (Canceled)

28. (New) A method of updating a plurality of applications on an electronic device from a content server through a host device, comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of conduits on said host device;

at a time when said electronic device is not coupled to said host device, actuating said conduits for comparing versions of applications stored by said host device with current versions of similar applications on said content server to determine newer versions of such applications residing on said content server and storing said newer versions from said content server on said host device;

at a time when said electronic device is actuated for synchronization, actuating said conduits to record said newer versions from said host device on said electronic device.

29. (New) A method according to claim 28 wherein said electronic device comprises a device with a screen.

30. (New) A method according to claim 28 wherein said electronic device comprises a personal digital assistant.

31. (New) A method according to claim 28 wherein said electronic device comprises a palm top computer.

32. (New) A method according to claim 28 wherein said synchronization includes docking said electronic device in a cradle coupled at least to said host device.

33. (New) A method according to claim 28 wherein said content server comprises at least one of the following:

- a remote server computer system;
- a remote computer system; or
- a computer directly connected to said host device.

34. (New) A system for providing updated applications with reference to a content server, using a host device and comprising:

- an electronic device for providing application information to a user;
- a plurality of conduits on said host device for actuating said host device at a time when said electronic device is not coupled to said host device for comparing versions of applications stored by said host device with current versions of similar applications on said content server to determine newer versions of such applications residing on said content server and storing said newer versions from said content server on said host device;

said plurality of conduits further operating when said electronic device is actuated for synchronization, to record said newer versions from said host device on said electronic device.

35. (New) A system according to claim 34 wherein said electronic device comprises a device with a display screen.

36. (New) A system according to claim 34 wherein said electronic device comprises a personal digital assistant.

37. (New) A system according to claim 34 wherein said electronic device comprises a palm top computer system.

38. (New) A system according to claim 34 further including a cradle for said electronic device for communication with at least said host device.

39. (New) A system according to claim 34 wherein said content server comprises at least one of the following:

- a remote server computer system;
- a remote computer system; or
- a computer directly connected to said host device.